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**To:** Byrne, Andrew [Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Wright, Felicia [Wright.Felicia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: McGirt

Thanks, Andy.

Scott

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**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 7:58 AM  
**To:** Mason, Scott <Mason.Scott@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wright, Felicia <Wright.Felicia@epa.gov>  
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Morning, Scott.

OITA, R6, and OGC hosted an informational call on the McGirt decision and the SAFETEA request on August 6<sup>th</sup> for all interested program staff. The invitation was widely distributed among Region 6 and HQ program staff, about 80 people attended the call. On that call we made clear that OITA would be forming a smaller workgroup to focus on the legal and program issues that offices are identifying. That smaller workgroup is facilitated by OITA, with group formation / logistics and agenda topics discussed with key OGC and Region 6 staff. The group will consist of about 22 people and is meeting for the first time today at 11am ET. It is a recurring invite. OGC and Region 6 have a handful of participants each, and OITA, OECA, OAR, OW, OLEM, and OCSPP will have two representatives each. We plan to meet regularly until we have identified all issues or the Administrator has approved the State's request.

Please let Felicia or me know if any additional information is needed. Thanks.

**Andy Byrne**

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**Subject:** McGirt

Good morning Andy,

Can you provide me with a quick update of where the coordination group is at regarding McGirt case? Chad and I are meeting with Doug later this morning.

Thanks,  
Scott

Sent from my iPhone